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All This VLF Marathoner Leticia Cerna, also creditedly published in the Sunday Inquirer Magazine, carries the torch across 49 of the Subic-Banik Expressway (SCE) during the marathon relay that marks its official opening on Saturday. It generated people's support from 14 (which a SCE's length is 14) groups and individuals

for most of whom was the country's latest topic, Andrew Tan, Magworld's chair/CEO. He carried designated 2 km up to the 14 km mark before passing on the torch to Chris International Airport Corp. president Victor Luciano. Among other VIP-runners were Fernando Zobel and Bambi Jarama of PLOT.

Meralco increases rates

Users of 200 kWh/month to pay P149 more

By Rainer W. Domingo

AS IF THE SOARING COSTS OF FOOD AND FUEL, and rising temperatures were not enough, customers of Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) will see their electricity bills going up this month.

Residential customers, who use up to 200 kWh a month, will pay an additional P149 or 6.55 percent, equivalent to about 4 kilos of commercial rice.

A household using up to 50 kWh a month will be paying an additional P18, while a family consuming 70 kWh, P22 more. A household using 100 kWh a month will be shelling out an additional P61.

Meralco attributed the biggest electricity bill to a combined increase of 67.27 centavos per kilowatt-hour in the generation, transmission and systems loss charges.

In a statement, Meralco, the country's biggest distributor of electricity yesterday said the generation cost rose by 51.86 centavos per kWh, the transmission cost by 7.05 centavos, and the systems loss by 7.29 centavos. (Systems loss refers to electricity lost to those with illegal connections and to heat.)

Meralco's franchise area covers Metro Manila and nearby areas.

Not single centavo gained

The utility firm said it would not benefit from the increases in the generation and transmission rates because those were passed through charges.

It said it "never gains a single centavo from changes in the cost of power supply that it passes on to its customers."

Meralco said its generation charge rose to P4.9075 per kWh.

MERALCO/23

Farmers outsmart Palace guards

By Christine O. Anadola

SEVERAL DOZEN FARMERS slipped inside the heavily guarded Malacañang presidential palace and the 11 senators staged a demonstration demanding that President Macapagal-Arroyo fulfill her promise to subsidize her husband's lands under the agrarian reform program.

The 21 farmers and four members of Task Force Malacañang (TFM), a peasant movement that includes respected civil society leaders, took off their shirts and tossed their bodies on which were written in red paint

FARMERS/23



PALACE, CONGRESS AT WORK TOGETHER The Legislature Executive Advisory Development Council agrees to work on 17 bills, including those that will help people cope with rising land costs. Under paid leaders, members, opponents were led by Senate President Villar and House members attended the meeting convened by President Arroyo on full basis.

Erap speech, plane ready but he's grounded

By Jeremy E. Uy and Jerry Explains

HE SAID ERAP WAS WRITING HIS speech and even chartered a plane to fly him to Malacañang, where he would give a special guest.

But the speech won't get delivered and his plane won't be taking off—all because of Malacañang, says Joseph Estrada.

"My speaking engagement has been cancelled because of an order from Malacañang," the

deposed President said in a phone call to the Inquirer yesterday.

Estrada, who has often travelled out of town since winning a presidential pardon following his conviction for plunder, said

he had everything set for another speaking engagement—this time before athletes competing in the 2000 Palarong Pambansa in Palawan.

He said he had planned an

ERAP/SPEECH/23

Duque rues missed glory in rectal video

By Juanette L. Andrade (in 20/90) and Florence Napulatan in the Inquirer

THE SUCCESSFUL RECTAL operation done on the Western State Memorial Medical Center (WSMMC) could have brought glory to the country's medical profession had the doctors and nurses not made fun of the anesthetized patient and uploaded a video of the surgery on the Internet.

Health Secretary Francisco

DUQUE/23

German pontiff conquers America

NEW YORK—HE CAME, THEY saw, he conquered.

Pope Benedict XVI arrived in the United States with a reputation as a strict Catholic doctrinaire and left the faithful with an image of a kindly priest.

Comparing him to some charismatic popes, Alice Cohen wrote in the New York Sun: "It doesn't matter if it's a Rosetta, a Wopple or a Hattings; who

GERMAN/23



Yes, Virginia, Lito Lapid is still around

By GIC Cabacungan Jr.

YOU MAY CALL HIM THE EVERGREEN senator—somebody seen in the system hall, but diligent and productive even, at least according to Senate records.

Action star Lito Lapid might have been

recently heard during debates or even seen on the Senate floor but he has been absent from only two sessions since the 24th Congress opened in July.

According to an unofficial attendance tally based on the Senate Journal over the

YES, VIRGINIA/23

Big Clinton won over Obama a must in Penn primary

WASHINGTON—HILLARY Rodham Clinton was looking for a decisive win at Tuesday's Pennsylvania primary to over her flagging candidacy, while

frustrated Barack Obama hoped for an upset or a strong enough finish to move closer to

ending their epic Democratic presidential nomination battle.

The two Democratic hopefuls blossomed the vote in a final pitch far from the most popular and delegate-rich state remaining in the nomination contest. Some 4 million Democrats

were eligible to vote today, with 356 delegates to the party's national nominating

convention at stake.

Late polling showed Clinton with a single-digit lead in Philadelphia, after beating Obama by 28 points or more in earlier surveys.

Talking rough in an interview broadcast on Tuesday, Clinton threatened to "abandon" him if it is launched a nuclear attack on Israel.

"I want the Americans to know that if I'm the president, we will attack Iran," Clinton told ABC

News. "In the next 20 years, during which they might look only consider launching an attack on Israel, we would be able to totally obliterate them."

Clinton and Obama questioned each other's character and readiness to lead.

BIG CLINTON/23

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Erap speech, plane ready for 2008

Palaro but he's grounded

By Arnel A. Al

Waiting for Puerto Princesa City on Friday to deliver his speech at the closing ceremony of the games scheduled for tomorrow.

Then came the phone call that sent his bubble.

Getting paranoid

According to Estrada, former Sen. Francis Maguila planned him yesterday to relay to him the "how to good news" from Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Maguila who, Estrada said, had told him to be the guest speaker at the gala.

"Senator Maguila called me on my way home (Estrada) was sure (that the invitation) was real," Estrada said.

Estrada claimed Maguila said in a national television interview that Lito Lapid during a Cabinet meeting "was [sic] allowed to be the guest speaker."

"I was, like, not believing him (I don't know, maybe they are getting paranoid)," he implied when asked the reason for the call.

Patric speech

Estrada said that he was preparing his speech—about "how for our country" and about his Philippine mission "to represent the country in the Olympics in the future"—when Maguila called him on the line.

"I did not finish the speech and I also missed my plane invitation," Estrada said.

Estrada said he did not feel but about what happened but that the government should be blamed for the country's poor image of citizenship in sports because of "his speech."

"They are making politics with sports,"



ESTRADA: Grounded to Puerto Princesa

that's why we have fewer champions than before," he said in Manila.

Reached by the Inquirer, Maguila said, "It's not true that there was a Palace order not to let Erap come as guest speaker at our national closing ceremony."

Invited by Dapla

Maguila said that "long before the final closing ceremony, Erap had told him he could visit Puerto Princesa. I told Erap, who

to my good friend, that he is welcome anytime."

"Everybody is welcome in Puerto Princesa," he said.

According to the mayor, Estrada "did express interest in attending this year's Palawan Panathenaics. It is relevant the mayor to the Capital Department of Education regional office, which was his invitation to one of the Palawan's guests."

"The report about the Palace order was not true," Maguila said, the decline to comment further when pressed about his supposed call to Manila.

Maguila said he had not received word from Estrada that he was no longer coming.

Flinging with the rules

The Inquirer tried but failed to reach Secretary Lapad, who has returned from the Palawan airport, where he attended the opening ceremonies of the Palawan.

On many occasions that he spoke to crowds about his return from detention, Estrada called at the Arroyo administration for its shortcomings and its alleged involvement in a scandal that has rocked the presidency.

At his birthday celebration last week, Estrada criticized President Macapagal-Arroyo from the side while playing the acoustic guitar.

While on red carpeting, he was heard from engaging in any "political activity" during the time he was allowed out of detention.

But Estrada defied himself with the voice of the court and criticized the administration in his speech.

Estrada was convicted of plunder last September but was paroled by the Arroyo administration.

Yes, Virginia, Lito Lapid is still a senator

By Arnel A. Al

Just 64 senators from July last year to last Monday, Lapid was present for the 15th session, but for right and was no official senator.

ORE.

This would put Lapid among the top 10 in attendance among the country's 23 senators—behind only Sen. President Maning Villanueva and Sen. Jinggoy Trillanes (94); Sen. Antonio Trillanes (83); Sen. Francisco "Chito" Ronquillo (80); Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile (79); Sen. Cayetano (78); and Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile (78).

Gave after the anchors

Lapid usually comes in late to the session but he gave the floor to the senators.

Then, after the singing of the national anthem, he immediately gave in the session's business, an order of business to discuss the agenda.

Another senator, speaking on condition of anonymity out of deliberative propriety, said his fellow senators had not heard Lapid's voice in the floor debates on the



LAPID: Informal discussion of senators' issues

concludes his hearings.

"We're not even heard him any [the 15th session], the senator said."

His most productive

Trying to explain why he was rarely seen in the session hall, a couple of Lapid's staff members claimed to be an senators that their boss usually spent most of his time in the session lounge.

They claimed that Lapid had been frequently doing his work as a senator but mostly away from the public eye.

Lapid ranked No. 7 among the most productive senators in terms of number of bills filed since the start of the 14th Congress.

And he had boasted that most of the bills Lapid authored were "original," and not just rolled from previous congresses.

NRV hearings

Asked why Lapid was not seen during the widely viewed National Roadway Network (NRN) inquiry which ran through 13 hearings spanning over 100 hours of testimony, his staff said that it was an "unintentional oversight."

His staff said Lapid did take part in the senators' informal discussions in the lounge. They did not say what specific discussions about the NRN probe he took part in.

Bizon, Angara in a tie

One of Lapid's colleagues, who also declined to be named, said that he usually went to the session hall on the very first session but he never noticed him when he was absent at that time.

Senators Biazon, Narico and Edgardo Angara led the last number of days present with an identical 10 sessions.

Angara was absent nine days and Biazon 11 times, Angara was absent five sessions, an official session for 10 sessions and last session times.

Biazon is rumored to absence from a session.

Duque rues missed glory in rectal video

By Arnel A. Al

Duque III said the nationwide campaign in which a person's colon was examined from the inside of a person's body. In the City of Manila, the nationwide campaign was a success.

The first doctors and two nurses involved in the surgery could be heard cheering and their audience's cheers reverberated.

"I'm proud to have been involved in this surgery," he said.

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He was referring to the up-loading of the video of the surgery on the Internet as well as on other platforms.

"We're happy," he said.

He also mentioned that doctors and nurses are always laughing, giggling and cheering in the operating room.

As a doctor, he said, he is not a patient but a patient's doctor.

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A waste

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SC upholds DQ of Bohol mayoral bet with 'green card'

THE SUPREME COURT HAS upheld the disqualification of an elected state mayor of Rhode Island because he is a United States permanent resident as shown by his possession of a green card, which he claims to have involuntarily acquired.

The high court affirmed a Commission on Elections injunction requiring the certification of candidacy of Abayasinghe from among the 100 registered voters in the locality for at least a year prior to the election as qualified to run for public office.

"Simply winning the election does not substitute for the specific requirements of law and a person's eligibility for public office, which he lacks, and does not cure his essential misrepresentation, which is a valid ground for the revocation of his CTC," the high court

The Committee accused Updike's COC on May 6, 2001, for making false declarations.

Updike went to the Supreme Court, arguing that he did not lose his British residency because he got the green card only because of a promise by his sister. He also said that despite the green card, he remained an *Albionian* resident.

It said Ughodunwa's acquisition of a second-hand vehicle from

US resident, and he is deemed to have abandoned and renounced his status as a resident of the Philippines.

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Aussie's suggestions to solve rice crisis

IT IS ROBERTO MAGALAO OF us to write the letter as I am a citizen of Australia, but I am married very happily to a Filipino (Mary Ann) from Cebu and was visiting my Filipino relatives whom I love dearly, when I read about the "rice issue" — rice shortage, rice importation ban, rice hoarding and the high rice prices in the Philippine (Luzon).

I would like to suggest some measures which might solve the crisis.

1. All national events must be required a specific minimum level of rice output per hectare, say 2.2 metric tons or a quantity to be decided on by specialized authorities.

2. National security officials must be required level of production per hectare should relinquish their terms to an agency say, the National Food Authority, designated by the government.

3. The designated government agency shall coordinate and manage agro-industry, where industries shall come mostly from the previous rice sector of the relinquished lands.

4. The required minimum level of rice output per hectare must be decided

the designated government agency as an agreed price against incentives. This can be distributed sold to Filipinos through government-controlled outlets at an affordable price. The nations shall be supported by a politically independent body.

5. I believe in extent of the required minimum level of rice output per hectare may be sold to the open market. This will provide an incentive for farmers to increase their rice output by planning higher yielding rice varieties.

6. The designated government agency with full government funding shall develop new models in cooperation with the farmers' cooperatives has responsibility, at the same time, it should provide the farmers scientific guidance and training to require rice production techniques that will help in planting rice seeds with less dependence on fertilizers.

I believe these measures will once again make the Philippines self-sufficient in rice, and the steps will be available and affordable anywhere in the country.

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Rice hotline: Good idea, empty promise?

THE RICE HOTLINE THAT THE Department of Agriculture is planning to set up (Business, 4/17/08) is a laudable project. I just hope this time, the DA officials will really listen and act. I hope the time they will not require Philippine farmers' production they are an empty promise. People are already fed up with empty promises.

I suggest that the government should just say "comprehensive suggestion box"

or, in common parlance, to enable the work and the other majority to report government and abuse by public officials and to propose ideas on how to improve the quality of governance.

The experts and suggestions should be sent directly to Malacañang via the hotline service.

—JESSE GARCIA,
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Pardon for Magdalo soldiers opposed

I FEEL SO DISAPPOINTED AFTER reading the news story about Colonel Sebastian Ubaldo Tirona and MP Chief of Staff Gen. Bernabejo Espino's recommendation for the grant of presidential pardon to the some Magdalo soldiers who remained their loyalty to the Marcos regime.

I beg to disagree with their suggestion. I find no justification for the executive amnesty. The soldiers are guilty and have yet to suffer the consequences of their unlawful act. It is barely a month since they filed their guilty plea. So, this has been in the domain for some years already, but that does not give President Macapagal-Arroyo enough reason to grant them executive amnesty.

It seems to me that the government is just playing politics with the Magdalo soldiers to stay loyal with the case of former President Joseph Estrada who was pardoned shortly after his conviction was affirmed by the Supreme Court.

What has happened to our country's judicial system? How can government officials go unpunished? The suggestion to pardon the some Magdalo soldiers makes me suspect that there is a large bribe followed by the soldiers themselves, on the one hand, and by Col. Tirona, Espino and company, on the other.

The President should launch the program. I have nothing against him, I just don't like some of his actions that are obviously not rationally thought out.

—JENNIFER PERILLA,
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SURPRISE. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo (front) up rice crisis involve during a complete inspection of a rice warehouse in Pan, Manila. The President asked to look at the Customs receipts, but the company could not produce it. With her a Agriculture Secretary Arroyo (far right).

Taking steps to ease RP global food crunch

THIS IS A REACTION TO MARINO DOMESTICO column "Rice: spare nightmare." (Business, 4/17/08).

The Arroyo administration has put in place both short-term and long-term initiatives to stabilize rice prices and avert self-sufficiency by 2010.

Agriculture Secretary Arroyo (far right) at the National Food Authority to engage in an "aggressive procurement and aggressive distribution" policy to stabilize retail prices against the backdrop of a global food crunch while the DA is still in the process of restoring the strong

performance of the farm sector and ensuring the long-term domestic self-sufficiency in the staple.

Because of the sustained rice spending during the Arroyo watch, dry rice production hit an all-time high of 11.24 million metric tons in 2007 despite the massive dry spell. It is projected to hit even higher — 17.24 million MT — this year.

Still, supply is expected to remain sufficient in the medium term because the massive harvest—projected at 7.1 million MT against last year's output of 6.2 million MT during the same dry crop season—will have ensured the stockpile in stock, along with at least 1.96 million MT of imported rice.

The long-term strategy of the Arroyo administration to further raise farmers' productivity and reduce food imports is anchored on the P43.2-billion package of infrastructure financing, which President Macapagal-Arroyo unveiled in the National Food Council last April 4 in the Clark Freeport City in Pampanga.

The package, dubbed PLED, will boost agricultural, irrigation, education and training of farmers and labor both, loans, agribusiness and other post-harvest facilities and work of the high-yielding, hybrid varieties.

The outline of initiatives under the PLED program covers the following:

- P500-million for fertilizer support, with special focus on the use of organic fertilizers;
- P4 billion for irrigation, with the goal of stabilizing all irrigation systems by 2010;
- P6 billion for farm-to-market roads and other rural infrastructure;
- P10 billion for education, extension and training of farmers on new technologies and research and development (R&D) on how to increase yields and lower production costs (P1 billion for R&D); and P1 billion each for capacity-building programs, farmers training, and the agribusiness and fisheries sector support;
- P12 billion to boost credit facilities for farmers, fisherfolk and other small and medium-scale, as well as the P1 billion for the fisheries sector; the Landbank to make available to some farmers (DA Arroyo said she will ask Congress to renege new legislation allowing small farmers to use their lands as collateral in banks);
- P1 billion for farm-to-market roads and other post-harvest support; and storage facilities;
- P1.2 billion for hybrid and certified seed production and distribution until 2010 (P0.2 billion for the use of certified seeds, and P1 billion for hybrid seeds). The target is to plant certified seeds in 600,000 hectares this year and hybrid seeds in 900,000 hectares in the 2009-2010 period.

—JENNIFER PERILLA, undersecretary of DA, Department of Agriculture



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Not religion's fault at all

THIS IS A REACTION TO THE LETTER titled "With so much talent and skills, why is RP still a backward case?" (Business, 4/17/08). I disagree with the writer's comment that "maybe it's our time to stop asking God to help us and start helping ourselves."

The problem about poverty has nothing to do with our religious faith. We can help our fellow citizens without neglecting our religious obligations.

—JENNIFER PERILLA,
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Lozada tells Bicol people: Don't forget NBN corruption

LEGASPI CITY—GIVEN A few weeks ago, the corruption-ridden National Broadband Network didn't seem to be the talk of the town, driving thousands to major protest actions across the country in calls for "no NBN" and "no corruption."

Today, with the "no NBN" movement sweeping headlines and prime time news, one would be hard-pressed to hear about the developments on the NBN-ETB inquiry and the movements of its star witness, Rodolfo "Zoe" Lozada.

On an invasion from the broadcaster's mansion, Rod-lozo Lozada has found himself back in his home province, awaiting a future in a local court here Tuesday as part of his "no NBN" campaign.

The block trip was his publicized first move to take on the NBN-ETB scandal.

While Lozada maintained that no further interest was on his mind to him, he did, however, advise people not to let the riot which completely derailed their interest from the NBN-ETB scandal.

"Like me, I don't know what is true. No one really knows it, it is already hard to know when it is even because of us, many have been provoked to us, along the way, we don't know what is really true," Lozada said.

Lozada said he does not know the exact relation that the National Broadband Network (NBN) has with the NBN-ETB inquiry, but he said he is not going to talk to him.

"This definitely is not to defend the island from further deconstruction, there has to be adjustment on the land use on the island," said Lozada.

Mayor faces raps as Boracay building frenzy won't cease

By Mayor P. Sergio Jr.
Legaspi Inquirer

GUIMARAS ISLAND—The continuing construction frenzy in Boracay is pushing top government officials to support plans to file charges against the mayor of the town that has jurisdiction over the world-renowned resort island.

Tourism Secretary Joseph A. Duterte added his support to plans by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to sue Mayor Claudio Comanding of Malay, Aklan, the town where Boracay is located.

Comanding faces charges for failing to stop the construction frenzy on the island, known for its white sand beaches.

"I support investigation coming from all the other agencies to help us defend the island from further deconstruction," said Duterte.

Duterte was in Guimaras for the launching of the local government's "Boracay 2015" vision statement and building plan.

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The sun sets in Boracay where Earth Day celebrations were marked with a concert and deep-sea search event for a continuing construction frenzy.

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7 DepEd officials hurt in Palawan
 SEVEN officials from the Department of Education Southern Tagalog, who attended the opening rites of the 2008 Palawan Palawan-Aklan April 22, were hurt during an accident at around 4 a.m. on April 22, the Inquirer online reported.

The bus with 60 passengers was on its way to 12 beds in northern Palawan when it diverged from the road and rolled over a steep embankment. The driver was killed. The driver was killed. The driver was killed.

Police said the passengers were in a hurry to get to the Palawan-Aklan April 22, the Inquirer online reported.

8 BANGALOG CITY
School rooms to be built
 TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE (261) new school rooms will be built in Bangalag City, under the Department of Education Southern Tagalog Learning and Development Center (DLDC) project. The project has been approved by the Department of Education Southern Tagalog.

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9 BANGALOG CITY
NPA rebels burn another cell tower
 SUSPECTED NPA rebels in the NPA Southern Tagalog Region burned another telecommunications tower in Bangalag City, under the Department of Education Southern Tagalog Learning and Development Center (DLDC) project.

The project has been approved by the Department of Education Southern Tagalog.

10 BANGALOG CITY
Red tide woes over for Sorsogon Bay
 THE RED TIDE in Sorsogon Bay has been declared over by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The red tide was caused by a harmful algal bloom.

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La Union folk hail river rehab

By Denise Colina
Bacong, La Union

CHILDREN enjoy the waters of their hometown in Bacong, La Union.

THE LATE ILOCANO WRITER MANUEL ARGUELLA, A NATIVE OF Bacong Nagbrosan in Bacong, La Union, immortalized his village with the tale of hazy An who dreamed of crossing the barrier of a local river to test his will and strength.

In his 1948 short story "An," Arguella celebrated the strength and generosity of the Nagbrosan hero.

The hero would shoot his name toward the river and this would rub in the fishes. This signaled that somebody in the barrio would give it a rest until the night.

"The river was running high, though its waters were quite clear. An stood on the bank and gazed a moment at the well-known that returned like a giant rope to its deep narrow bed," Arguella wrote, describing the waters of the Bacong River that flows through Nagbrosan.

Bacong Nagbrosan (pop. 2,000) said to be a fishing village but it has evolved into a community where the "Nagbrosan" (half-fish) spirit springs because of its river.

Like An, villagers would throw "tambaka" toward the river to signal that every resident would catch fish and share them.

But that community spirit was broken 30 years ago when Filipinos were put up and polluted the river.

Rehabilitation

But residents of Bacong Nagbrosan are now enjoying the rehabilitation of their river whose clear water had become murky because of the pollution of illegal fish pens.

Early this month, residents held the Kanyan Festival to celebrate the revival of the river following a commitment imposed by the town government on the operators of fishpens there.

"I am so happy I missed fishing in this river because we were displaced when fishpens proliferated. I can't wait to participate the 'Kanyan' again with other villagers. When the fishpens disappeared, we helped in cleaning the river to revive it. We noticed that various kinds of fish were coming back in the river," said Teodoro Bantalan Jr., 45.

Commercial fishing

"Kanyan" is a commercial practice of catching fish. It requires 30 people building an infrastructure of bait poles, usually 30 meters long.

Because of its shiny yellow coils, the bait poles trap serves as a trap to attract fish. When one catches "Kanyan" it means that it is time to catch fish in the river.

The Kanyan Festival was the highlight of the celebration and the celebration of the rehabilitation of the river. The residents held a feast parade and games in the river.

"We agreed the festival to make it a statement that we are now using traditional fishing systems. We wanted everyone to enjoy and benefit from the river," said David Bulad, Nagbrosan Kanyan captain.

Dr. Danilo Domingo Jr., chief of the regional resources research division of the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources in the office, said the fishing river reached its critical state because of pollution generated by wastes from fish pens.

"If you put up fishpens, you are fish traps and these pollute the water. These create sediments at the river bottom and lower the oxygenation of the water... (But the river is showing signs of life again), we are assured that fish are proliferating again," he added.

Sanctuaries

He said Bacong's three rivers are rich sanctuaries, where various species found in the South China Sea species. "That is why if we do not take care of the river, we will never be able to replenish the fish in the South China Sea," he said.

Bacong Mayor Robert de Guzman said fishpen owners violated the tradition to their parents when they went beyond the allowable size of the pens.

"It is good that the river's water quality has returned to what it once was of our loved the mountains (see fishpen operations) and started to clean the river. We wanted a clean river where people can catch fish and fishes," he said.

He said local government employees had volunteered to clean the river every Friday. "We just wish the other villages would consider cleaning rivers because rivers in other areas are being polluted because of fishpens, quarrying and mining," he said.

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Greenbelt areas to bloom in Las Piñas

Students required to plant, take care of 1 tree until graduation

By Julie M. Bando

IN CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY, LAS PIÑAS CITY Mayor Vergel Aguilera yesterday issued an executive order declaring the city's motorways, riverbanks and open spaces as greenbelt areas.

"I ask everyone to help keep our surroundings clean and safe, not only to prevent the effects of global warming but to provide our residents with a livable city," Aguilera said.

He also required all local officials, government employees, students, tourists and business leaders to plant a tree or a business to design an eco-friendly business plan in the kind of a greenbelt in Las Piñas.

"Each student in the city's public schools beginning this school year

will now be required to take care of the tree or business that they designate," Aguilera said.

The mayor added that his executive order is in line with his environmental program of keeping the city livable and pollution-free.

"We expect to have as many as 30,000 full-grown trees and business green in the next five years," Aguilera said.

The tree-planting and business ratings will be provided by the city government with the help of Rep. Cynthia Villar who sponsored the Super Big Trees Act (SBTA) project and other environmental programs in the city.

Aguilera said he created an inter-agency committee to oversee the implementation of the greenbelt project. The committee will be headed by Councilor Gerardo Briones.

Representatives from the Super Big Trees Project, the local environment office, business group and government organizations will also be part of the inter-agency committee.

"We will also clean up open spaces, design motorways and canals and start the planting of trees and lawns in various areas that are identified for the greenbelt project," Aguilera said.



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Cops rescue 9 would-be kidney donors in Rizal

By Marko Ramos

POLESMEN FROM THE QUEZON CITY POLICE (QCP) ON Monday arrested three suspected members of a syndicate alleged to be involved in the sale of human kidneys.

They also rescued nine would-be donors from the grasp of the syndicate in the town of San Mateo in Rizal province.

Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, chief of the QCP's criminal investigation

division, did not identify the three men because of a provision in Republic Act 9388—otherwise known as Anti-Bullying in Persons Act of 2006—which prohibits the identification of the self-accused and the accused.

Nolasco said they have already filed criminal cases against the three who are now detained in the QCP's Justice Camp Barangay, Quezon City.

"We believe we have a strong

case against the suspects. They clearly violated several provisions of RA 9388," he said.

One of the persons rescued from the safe house said previously three men into selling the kidneys, adding that he and the others have been staying in the safe house since last month.

"I was barely provided for my wife and children every day in terms of food," he said. "I was given money and given it to

them," another would-be donor said.

He added that a member of the syndicate had promised to give him P150,000 for his kidney.

According to Nolasco, they learned about the syndicate's operations after a relative of one of the donors went to them for help.

The nine potential donors, aged 21 to 36, were usually from impoverished communities in Rizal, San Mateo and Rizal provinces and Quezon City.

"Apparently, one of the victims changed his mind and attempted to return to his relatives to receive them," he said.

Nolasco said the syndicate seemed to be well-funded by the group's alleged two donors and collecting donors.

He added that among the group's alleged two donors and hospitalized officials.

It is in connection with the in-

vestments, one of the arrested was accused of involvement in the sale of kidneys. He denied, however, that they were finding their "income" by selling organs.

"I was merely helping them. I was just a broker to those who wanted to buy kidneys," he said.

He added that he had sold at least 10 kidneys, including one to a donor at a state-owned hospital. He said some got \$10,000 for his services and some \$20,000, he said.

He added that the arrested man's involvement was similar to a bar tender who in San Mateo City was selling kidneys to the victims at the middle of the street and detached the cash from the person's wrist.

He added that they were looking for a group which he called the "Lala Lala" gang which could be involved in the activities.

According to him, the group was looking for the case's resolution.

At the same time, Nolasco said another police officer who had stopped these men was present near the victims.

13 MPD cops sacked in ongoing crackdown

By Abner Papa

THIRTEEN METRO MANILA policemen have been sacked for various offenses as part of a continuing crackdown on corrupt law enforcers.

Assistant Police Director, National Capital Region Police Office, said the 13, who belong to the Manila Police District, were fired for their unprofessional behavior in the conduct of their duties.

They were: Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50.

and Santiago Castillo and PCIA Director, Division Office, said the 13 policemen were assigned to the District Manila Division.

He also ordered the suspension of all members of the Quezon City Police District, 130; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50; Sgt. Arsenio Nolasco, 50.

The political official said the campaign against these policemen allegedly involved in illegal activities would continue until the PNP's has been dissolved.

Robbers take P800,000 as traffic light turns red

By John M. Anillo

TWO MEN IN A BLACK HONDA CRUISER TOOK P800,000 IN CASH WHEN THEY STOPPED AT A TRAFFIC LIGHT ON THE HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF PASAY.

According to the two men, they were seen at the stoplight at the corner of Iloilo Road and Alibon Avenue in Pasay.

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Parañaque City residents race against time to save dying river

By Debra Pineda-Baybay

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ITS SUMMER HERE AND ONCE again, Parañaque City residents are racing against time to save the river which has been dying for years.

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3 passersby hurt in truck-van collision in Makati

THREE PEDESTRIANS, INCLUDING a father and his 10-year-old daughter, were hurt yesterday following a road accident at the same Makati intersection where the wife of former Sen. Jose Legaspi, died, last in an accident.

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DID YOU KNOW

The Intellectual Property Office in Makati City is now open for registration of trademarks and patents. For more information, visit the Intellectual Property Office in Makati City.

60 families lose homes in QC fire

By Marko Ramos

A 50-YEAR-OLD BOY WAS KILLED during a fire that claimed a real estate area in Quezon City yesterday and left more than 60 families homeless.

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SPORTS

NBA: Cavs, Jazz go 2-0 up on foes

Cleveland creams Washington, Utah blasts Houston's homecourt edge

LEBRON JAMES SCORED 19 POINTS, made 12 shots and pulled down nine rebounds to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 115-96 victory over the Washington Wizards and a 2-0 lead in the NBA playoffs on Monday.

The Cavaliers, who won the Eastern Conference last year, were simply too good for the Pistons.

"We are playing the champs," Wizards coach Mike Duncan said in person. "They made changes, but they still have one of the best players in the NBA and he was at his best."

The Wizards tried to be as physical as possible with James throughout the game, with Washington center Brendan Haywood forcing it a frequent foul in the third quarter after he eluded the Cleveland forward, who ended up recording six of 10 fouls.

The strategy, however, did not work in either direction, who sat out the last six minutes with the team still in control.

Shelton Quarles added 26 points



BANGED up and at, LeBron James still helps the Cavs over to 2-0 against

and nine rebounds for the Cavaliers, while Rudy Fernandez scored 15 points. Cleveland shot 33 percent from the free-throw line, including leading 10th Washington from three-point range, in a game that

was over close after the Cavaliers' 17-4 run late in the second quarter. Carlos Bailey, Carlos Langford and Glen Davis all had 12 points to lead the Wizards, while Gilbert Arenas

was held to just seven points on 2-of-10 shooting.

In Houston, the Utah Jazz took a 2-0 series lead over the Rockets with a 90-81 victory.

Deon Williams scored 22 points to lead the Jazz, who will host the next two games on Thursday and Saturday. Michael Oden had 16 points and 16 rebounds.

Houston's Tracy McGrady scored 23 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and made nine shots, but his arm was strapped to move just 17 points in both the first and second quarters.

The Jazz, who had the NBA's best home-court record at 21-4, took a pair of road victories and cruised to a 90-81 victory Thursday and Saturday with a chance to sweep the Rockets out of the playoffs.

"We didn't want to come in and just split, we wanted to come in and make some noise," Williams said. "We did a great job of following our game plan."

The strategy involved slowing down Houston playmaker Tracy McGrady and attacking well in the fourth quarter when he was hurt. McGrady had scored only one point, his knee pain in the last period of either loss. *Byline: AP*

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'Here comes Manu!'

SAN ANTONIO — SAN ANTONIO SPURS guard Manu Ginobili — good enough to be a starter on almost any team — won the NBA's third most valuable player in the league's best season on Monday.

Ginobili led the Spurs to victory, averaging a career-high 14.3 points to go with 4.8 rebounds and 4.5 assists. The Argentine scored off the bench 11 of the 75 points he played this season.

"I really don't care about coming from the bench if that helps the team to win a championship," Ginobili said.

The Spurs have a 1-0 lead over the Phoenix Suns in their best-of-seven first-round playoff series. San guard Tim Duncan led the Spurs to the second loss and Ginobili made it second.

Ginobili got 22 of 28 first-quarter points for 45.5 points. Ginobili came in second with 26.1 points and the Dallas Mavericks' Jason Terry was third with 14.



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Tañamor, RP jins brightest Olympic hopes—Puentevella

By Marc Anthony Reyes

JUST 138 DAYS BEFORE THE BEIJING Olympics opens, the Philippines only has 12 qualifiers in shot, and only three of them possess solid chances at winning the country's first ever gold medal in the quadrennial games.

But chief of mission Marcos Puentevella yesterday said due to his own team's delegation may still pull it off with technique and heart in the Beijing games.

"Even in the world of sports miracles do happen. Don't lose hope, and let us not state false hopes," said Puentevella during the 6th Philippine Shooting Olympiad.

The Philippines last gave home every-handed by the last four Olympics to 1992 and 2000 and Athens 2004. The last time the country won a medal was through shotguns in "Vikings" Mañosa, who took the silver in boxing in the 1904 Athens Olympics. Now, however, the Philippines has only one shot in boxing in Harry Tanamor (Eight Brawl) and Puentevella admitted that it's going to be an uphill task.

The country sent four teams each in the 2000 and 2004 Olympics, including Tañamor — and still even home medal loss. "It's a long hard climb. This is probably going to be the toughest Olympics in our history," admitted Puentevella, who is also the first vice president of the Philippine Olympic Committee.

Tañamor is also sending his latest team in three Olympics with Tañamor Go and Mary Antolinista Sports, who both competed in the Athens Games.

"This is going to be a hard and tough group with probably just a maximum of 15 athletes," said Puentevella, who is the weightlifting president.

"You don't want to over-rely on athletes even if as Filipino athletes qualify in participation in the competition even it is important by the International Olympic Committee."

The other athletes who have to be qualified in the Beijing are swimmers Miguel Balleja, Arnel Padilla, Ryan Adriano, Daniel Cudalby and Christal Sison, divers Sheryl Mae Pineda and Ryan Rival Padilla, archer Mark Javier and shooter Eric Ang.

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Citi, Bear Stearns cite low interest rates, inflation, bond yields

By Denis C. Donato

THE PHILIPPINES MAY have to wait longer for a credit-rating upgrade from Moody's even though it is more resilient to fiscal and

currency pressures arising from skyrocketing food and fuel prices than the global credit-watching banks, American banks Citibank and their financials & Co. said in separate reports.

Reacting to a recent criticism from Moody's that the Philippines was at more risk than Indonesia on the back of

sovereign commodity prices, Citibank analysts there said such assessments, "however flawed, may mean it would delay upgrade prospects for the Philippines, where the rating has been on pause since late January 2008, and until a much better outlook."

MOODY'S

Only idle lands for jatropha —PNOC unit

By Abigail L. Ho

NO LANDS DEVOTED TO FOOD CROPS will be sacrificed for jatropha production as land conversion is not an option, according to PNOC-Mustina Pardo Corp.

In a position paper, the Philippine National Oil Co. subsidiary said it was one with the government in wanting the food crop areas used as national and not used for growing food crops.

The government firm said jatropha cultivation could go hand in hand with food security as long as land is used properly. Citing a 2004 study done by the Food and Agriculture Organization, PNOC-MPC said jatropha could be produced without affecting food production or surrounding its forest lands.

The study showed that there were at least a million hectares of marginal land... as only 3 percent of the country's total land area—that could be used for jatropha production.

The area already has the potential to produce 3 billion liters of biofuel a year, the study said.

As large as 2 million hectares of potentially productive lands have been left for its use, the PNOC-MPC position paper said.

"Jatropha grows in degraded and underproductive land. One place where jatropha will not thrive is prime rice land where its roots cannot take away legged conditions. With this exception, jatropha is highly adaptive."

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SHARE PRICES CLOSED 1.2 PERCENT lower yesterday with local international investors triggering heavy sell orders in the market, analysts said.

The composite index finished down 38.17 points at 2,008.70. The all-share index was down 11.50 points at 1,161.71. Securities experienced a sell-off in 17, with 58 issues steady.

Turnover rose to P2.2 billion from Monday's P2.1 billion.

"Just when world markets thought that the US subprime crisis had bottomed out, strong corporate earnings for quarter results from banks indicating that the problem is far from over," said Francisco Flores of PSC Securities.

"It appears that corporate earnings are continuing to rise. The Philippines remains a strong performer. The following factors will support continued spending and corporate earnings," said Lawrence de Leon of American Capital Express.

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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK has increased Deutsche Bank's average in P1. to P6. billion of lending of the 2 notes within the next 90 days, bank president Oscar Ulla said yesterday.

The fourth instance of post-merger asset substitution, which will qualify as tax-free supplementary capital, will be pursued ahead of FSI's merger with Allied Banking Corp. Both banks are controlled

"There is a market for poorly-documented innovative work," they said. "The proceeds will

help refugees about \$25 billion worth of money, the 2 were loaned to FDI/for more use."

A call option gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy the security at a specified price within a specified time period.

The "step-up" rate means that if FRB will not exercise its call option on the FRB note, it will pay a higher interest rate for the remaining term.

On the other hand, in joint work with Allied Banks, Chase Bank 1992 was an financial adviser (see working

on the structure of the dairy-plant, which is expected to be presented for approval by the two bodies' respective boards by May.

UNEP, on the other hand, acts as adviser to the industry shareholders and will evaluate the impact measures to be proposed by (the) host.

The merger transaction will then be formally presented to PWR and Allied Bank shareholders in June. The merger through a share-swap is expected by July or August this year.

The union will allow PSE, currently the country's sixth biggest private bank in assets and expected to be the leading entity to launch its banking to member state with consolidated income of about 1600 billion and a combined branch network of 600.

The Austin Inn group controls about 67 percent of CMO's

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Ayala to start property dev't project in India

Joint venture with Mahindra Group

By Daniel S. Lopez

AYALA CORP., THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST conglomerate, and its real estate arm have entered into a joint venture deal with India's Mahindra Group to develop an exclusive residential community in one of the country's major cities.

In a statement to the Philippine Stock Exchange, Ayala Corp. and Ayala Land Inc. said the deal inspired the development of a high-end housing scheme within the 1,200-acre Mahindra World City (MWC) in Chennai, India.

The joint venture, Mahindra Residential Developers Ltd., will be 51 percent owned by the Mahindra Group and 49 percent by ANCH Capital India Partners LP—ayala's real estate fund managed by Ayala affiliate ANCH Capital Management Co. Ltd.

The project will be established on about 50 acres of land within the MWC special economic zone, which was designated for low-density residential community development, Ayala Land said last November.

According to the firm, the exclusive community of about 750 residential units will be planned and designed by international planners and architects with experience in developing residential and urban environments and consistently based in India.

The joint venture, through ANCH Capital, represents Ayala's first major foray into the Indian and Asian markets. Ayala Land also formed a joint venture with the Mahindra Group to develop a new project in the Philippines. The company is now good progress in India and are now good progress in India and are now good progress in India.

working with the Mahindra Group?

Neither Ayala Corp. nor Ayala Land disclosed the financial terms of the deal.

Zobel said the Ayala Group's newly established regional property investment firm, Fideco Holdings, had been "actively exploring opportunities to expand its international activities in this area."

ANVC, a pioneering effort of Mahindra Lifespaces Developer Ltd., the publicly listed real estate and infrastructure arm of the Mahindra Group, reflects Mahindra's vision for a world-class special economic zone catering to the needs of businesses and consumers in automotive, aerospace, information technology and apparel industries.

In the meantime, Ayala Land president Jaime Ayala said the firm was exploring its potential to enter the real estate market through its

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The EYE Foundation develops various health-related projects in the fields of health, education, research, production, marketing, and corporate social responsibility to help them become effective and successful corporations in the future. Metrobank Foundation and EHEIF Foundation signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the program, covering the different business topics and training activities. The two were divided into groups

and went pre through various strategic planning and business executive courses. The continuing support for the EYE Foundation is in line with Metrobank's commitment to the national and global agenda to help overcome poverty through health education. Metrobank Foundation president Roberto Solopaga, "We believe in fostering comprehensive education among the youth and creating a new breed of productive entrepreneurs who are being positive changes for the country," he added.

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SM's condo dev't unit earmarks P4.5B for capex

SMDC reports '08 1st quarter sales hit P575M, up 125% from previous year

By Dexter L. Loran

THE RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM development unit of the SM group of companies will raise its capital expenditure plan for this year to P575 million from the P450 million it set for last year, according to a report by the company.

In a press briefing, SM Development Corp. (SMDC) president Roger B. Calabing said that the firm would spend P575 million in capital expenditure this year compared to P450 million last year, representing a 28 percent increase.

"This is a slight increase from last year because we are always on the lookout for new units," Calabing said.

The bulk of this amount will be used to acquire and develop on which

the company will build its lower high-rise projects, he said. Only a small portion of the amount will be used for the construction of the building themselves, especially since most of them are intended to be leased as a go-villing units.

To date, SMDC has five ongoing projects, namely, Chateau Mynor in Marikina City, Lighthouse Residences in Marikina City and the Manila, Berkeley and Triunfo Residences in Quezon City.

Except for Lighthouse which is a residential subdivision, all are residential condominium projects.

In a separate statement, SMDC reported a 125 percent increase in its real estate sales for the first quarter of this year.

According to the company, in

sales in the first three months reached P575 million compared to P450 million during the same period in 2007.

The result is a 175 percent increase in gross profit from real estate operations to P240 million.

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization reached P104 million for a margin of 62 percent.

Net income, on the other hand, stood at P14 million, due mainly to amortized mark-to-market losses in investments held for trading during the period.

According to the firm, this was "expected" by the realized gains from sales of investments amounting to P138 million.

SMDC will build substantial man-

ageable amenities to its projects "as part of its asset management operations," the company said. "These will be facilitated to support future operations."

Calabing said that management is "proud" with initial results for the year.

"We have started on the right track as evidenced by the doubling of net sales revenues during the first three months of 2008," Calabing said.

For this year, SMDC intends to launch two or three more projects.

One would be the first Residences within the SM of Asia complex in Pasig City, while the other is the first Residences in Pasig City.

A possible third would be the first Residences in Taguig City.

One Asia to pour in P100M for IT park in Biñan

By Dennis W. Domingo

RURAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS ONE ASIA DEVELOPMENT Corp. announced that it would pour in some P100 million in new Asian zone in Biñan, Laguna, seeking to turn the property into a new home for its fast-growing outsourcing firms.

Company president and chief executive Victor A. Dominguez said the investment represents the first phase of a three-phase, 15-hectare information technology park project called One Asia Business Center (OABC).

Dominguez said the business center would provide infrastructure and other support facilities that IT companies could need, as well as amenities for professionals and workers involved in the business.

"Part of the plan is to develop a small hub inside the OABC. It will have bars and restaurants, coffee shops, health spa, stores and other retail outlets," he added.

"OABC has attracted several investment opportunities since we put up popular restaurants and cafes in the area that is close to a number of some 500,000 people," he added.

Meanwhile, said the first phase of OABC covered five hectares and would be expected to be finished in May.

"Phase 2 and 3 would depend on the needs of investors and tenants," he said.

Only idle

to all kinds of Philippine lands. It can even grow on slopes and require little maintenance," he added.

PHSC-AFC said it was not existing land, owners and farmers to shift from food production to jatropha farming, considering that earnings from jatropha would not be able to compete with those from other crops.

"Jatropha is only viable for landless producers at a bargain price of P5.50 a kilo. It, therefore, cannot compete with the high-income generation of any existing plantation crop like sugarcane, a plantation setting, earns only a fraction per hectare when the first plantation year," the joint press paper said.

"Instead, we encourage farmers to utilize their idle lands or degraded lands for jatropha farming as additional income. Jatropha allows the farmer a measure of self-reliance in order none of his food production losses," it added.

Also, being a non-edible crop, PHSC-AFC said, jatropha was not at all a threat to food security.

It was precisely the benefit of the food-versus-fuel debate that prompted PHSC-AFC to focus on the seedling for oil-burner jatropha as a means to break the deadlock, the government company said.

As a non-food crop, jatropha cannot compete with food. It is poisonous and cannot be eaten," PHSC-AFC said.

Moody's

lower than does Indonesia's current overall financial position."

It said both the Philippines and Indonesia might have to raise interest rates in the coming months if inflationary pressures continue to build, but believes that Philippine rates are still likely to be "well below Indonesia's levels."

While government debt rose in the Philippines last year, Moody's said, it was not as high as last year's one over before the rise in debt and debt prices. But the rise in the impact on the fiscal position would be less in the Philippines for number of reasons.

"The Philippines has a more stable and sustainable fiscal and so, only moderately indebtedness level," Moody's said.

It noted that food inflation was outside the budget through the state-owned National Food Authority.

"The challenges of both are only partially borne by the national government and the impact on the budget deficit and financing program is limited again," Moody's said. "While it expects the accumulated public debt to be less in the Philippines and Indonesia is more significant."

One of indicators in the Philippines was estimated at less than 1 percent of proceeds to produce.

Meanwhile, the annual debt Indonesia's energy inflation would likely reach 5 percent of GDP and 20 percent of total spending this year and would be directly borne by the budget system.

The Citigroup added that the rise in inflation in the Philippines looked small enough to require bond holders and the government to have more cooperation to support, unlike Indonesia.

While inflation in Manila had been substantially higher than target for both countries, Citigroup said that inflation rates in the Philippines were lower than in Indonesia.

Both, it also says that the Philippines has a lower inflation rate, lower market interest rates and bond yields, and much more central position than Indonesia.



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SCANDINAVIAN TOUCH: New and rugged with one character: a new grille and headlights.

The new wheels of Chrysler, Volvo and Audi



WIDER, wider, wider: the new PT Cruiser.

By Yusef Salazar

AFTER HINDING all about the reviews—bad and good—on the Net, be ready to scrutinize them in the dealerships.

Chrysler recently unveiled its new PT Cruiser, the latest edition of the Town & Country CPT3 Sedan Inc., the exclusive distributor for Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge vehicles in the country, located in a private day and showed how the meeting edition was different from the current PT.

With 100-hp in its American-led-

ing and heavy, the meeting edition PT is expected to make the American style of comfort and technology the Town & Country is known for, with a soft steering feel, but with the transmission of ready-on its speed and with an increase. The old Town & Country used to be on the road.

It has a totally new body that the seven-seater would be more long and tough-looking to accommodate a bigger interior and provide a more "minimizing" exterior.

The 3.6-liter V6 engine has high torque, from 265 hp with 250 lbs of torque to 193 hp and 200 lbs of torque.

It also offers an easier flow and Go feature, with bigger interior's seats in the middle. The Towning edition even has a new body to be able to control, but it can be killed the time the flow. While the seven-seater, the compact car has been given the same body and personal belongings.

The industry's first flow is Go fold-flat-to-the-floor seating and storage system allows for extra space. Power windows in sliding doors and power rear liftgate, air curtain and front airbags are standard.

It even has the High Intensity discharge lamp with big lamps.

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Seoul's Souls

A THOUGH Japanese MOTORING was out at the 2005 Tokyo Auto Show, the Koreans in Geneva, Switzerland early in March, we could not help but smile at the photos of the three SOUL cars represented by Kia Motors Corp. It was designed by specialists in Korea, revealed a whole new "Kia" side in the Korean brand.

Car design enthusiasts can check out the SOUL, New, SEASIDER and SOLAR, launched on the Kia.

The SOUL concept was created by Kia's European design team under the guidance of Kia's chief design officer, Peter Schreyer.

The three Kia SOULs are reportedly



SOLAR

closely related to a new production car which will make its world premiere at the Paris Show in October.

The Kia design team decided that a single KCC concept car to feature would not

fully express the brand philosophy behind this new Kia, so they simultaneously developed three SOULs with very different exteriors to show to the production team to focus customers. *Steve Johnson*



HSDC offers an improved track that effectively combines automobile and motorcycle features.

Creating safer environment for all road users

By Charles E. Baker

MOTORISTS KNOWLEDGE by putting the month's featured section of the South Coast Expressway will probably result that nearly 100,000 cars will be on the road by 2010.

Occupying 2.3 hectares of land space, this is the site of the new Honda Safety Driving Center, the company's first world-class driving facility.

For those wondering why one company decides to invest in building this sort of facility, consider these facts: Around the world, a person is killed in a road crash every 30 seconds.

This means every year, at least 1.2 million people die in road crashes worldwide and as many as 30 million being injured as a result.

Indeed, road crashes are becoming a huge concern that the World Health Organization (WHO) forecasts that it will be

the third most important cause of death and disability worldwide by 2020.

Import road discipline

"One responsibility must be in supplying the motorist with safe vehicles. We must make it our job to import road discipline, driving safety techniques and even proper vehicle maintenance. Customers have placed their trust in us so we are concerned about their safety on the road," announced Karancho Gomez, president of Honda Safety Driving Center.

Known to also the president and CEO of Honda Philippines Inc. (HPI), the motorcycle arm of the company, who together with Honda Cars Phil. (HCP) automobile arm helped to launch the P200 safety facility.

The HSDC will initially offer four courses: 20-hour Basic Motorcycle Safety, Safety (P200), 22-hour Automobile Safety Course (P200), 4-hour Street Safety

class for motorcycles (P1,000) and four (P1,000), and 4-hour skills certification for motorcycle (P2,000) and car (P1,500).

All three programs will be handled by well-trained instructors who have just completed their one-month training.

entirely running under the supervision of the two senior from Marikina, HSDC is Japan and South Korea Driving Center in Marikina.

HSDC aims to achieve its annual rated capacity of about 8,000 drivers, 11,000 motor-



CAR driver's course will be able to fully grasp the concept of road-safety, driving discipline and safety management on the facility.



HSDC offers growing number. HSDC hopes to produce more advanced motorcycle riders in the Philippines.

and more than 10,000 school children and motor cyclists by year 2012.

Expansive track

HSDC's expansive track of facility combines automobile and motorcycle instructions, where safety content and driving techniques are developed in a controlled environment.

"Geometry is the core concept in the Philippines where motor-drivers do public road driving in the time. It is designed to approach given automobile and motorcycle features like opportunity to interact, allowing learners to understand road country, driving discipline and

safety maneuvers while they understand an being road speed," explained Gomez. HSDC general manager who is also Honda Cars PH for market.

Motorcycle courses include figure-eight, crank, narrow pass, slalom and weaving tests. Included in driving essential skills are balancing, negotiating bumps, leading and trailing controls, slalom, weaving, etc.

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Extending manufacturer's warranties

TO EXCEED WARRANTY PROVISIONS, FORD MOTORISTS with superior value for money service long after the manufacturer's warranty expires, according to Motorist's Service Center and Chief Executive Officer. Similar to many other motorists, FORD keep their cars longer because average number of years that European and American do. As vehicles age, the probability of a parts to breakdown is increased. Therefore, the need for roadside warranty becomes more important.

With the new Ford Auto Warranty Service, a leading global provider of extended warranty services, has partnered with leading vehicle manufacturers and distributors in the Philippines to provide extended and roadside warranty after the normal warranty expires. The common warranty in the local market, which is three years or 100,000 kilometers (whichever comes first), is now extended to five years and additional mileage if necessary.

The company's new stop-loss coverage delivers valuable roadside solutions through an extensive network of manufacturers, dealers, distributors, retailers, leasing and financial institutions.

The company's Extended Warranty, for example, includes a provision that covers all parts related to mechanical, electrical and electronic breakdowns (the manufacturer's warranty expires). It is an excellent example of the manufacturer's warranty.

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power to local road conditions that offer significantly less stress in the United States and other countries. Wear and tear accumulates at faster than normal rates. "Which is why it makes most sense to look for vehicles that have built in extra maintenance in their products," according to Steve Carano, MPT's business development manager for Asia-Pacific.

MPT's newest member also included a local-based car, roadside service, towing and maintenance in cases where roadside services encounter problems connected with a fleet's fleet, fuel, oil, and accident handling.

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By Rully de Vera
26.5 Correspondent

IT'S NOT HARD TO CATCH THE attention of the blog-reading population when you're competing with one of thousands of other blogs. And it's not harder for bloggers to come out and actually publish their work.

That's why Nicanor David Jr., known as Batjay in the blogging world, has made quite a name with the release of his second book, "Mga Kwentong Batjay Karing Larang".

Published under Kibolabs, it was launched on April 14 at Valley Road in Marikina City. The public response was so great that the book was out of print for the day.

Batjay's first book, "Kwentong Batjay," was released in 2006. Like that book, "Kwentong Batjay" is mostly a compilation of Batjay's blog entries that chronicle his family's move to the US in 2006. He's been in the US since then, and has been blogging about the same time. He is no longer a professional writer in a sense.

He started to blog as a way of coping with the stress of working for many hours. With his offbeat and interesting writing style, he quickly gained a loyal fan base—many of them fellow OFWs who related to his stories, and people who appreciated his sense of humor.

Regular readers of his blog (<http://www.batjay.com>) know that it's not for the sensitive. Some joking and bodily functions are regularly



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'Barkada chow

Young chef-in-training Anton shares a menu of treats you can whip up for friends this summer.

Text by Anton Antonino
Photos by Nancy Hernandez



DESSERT: PANNA COTTA



• milk 300 g
• cream 100 g
• vanilla extract 5 ml
• gelatin 5 g
• sugar 120 g
• fruit 100 g
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MAIN: BUBBLE WRAPPER WITH CLEMENTINE CREAM

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• Combine the mixed citrus with heavy cream in a bowl to form a cream.
• Cook the cream and citrus over medium heat until it is reduced by half.
• Drain and serve.
• Serve immediately, 15, is on his last year at the Center for Culinary Arts Manila. He hopes to become a chef like his uncle-chef, Anthony Bourdain, Wolfgang Puck, Thomas Keller and others.

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Living life without fear or hesitation

BY THE HANANTHAN DUNN, CORONA-DO I'm 16, and I have just graduated from high school at San Diego College Prep. The first half of my high school was spent in College of the Holy Spirit in Manila.

Actually, my hometown is Cebu, but we had to temporarily move to Manila so I and my younger brother could study. Moving for me is hard because I've spent 24 years back in my hometown. I was an upcoming junior in high school back then.

Since I came from an all-girl school and was now surrounded in an all-boys school, I anticipated that I'd have a hard time adjusting. Surprisingly, I didn't at all!

I was quiet at first on my first days, but step by step, I overcame my shyness. I tried to talk to all my classmates each day, who seemed to be kind guys and girls. I discovered to be re-

spectful of my teachers. By early July, I was chosen class president of my section.

Even though I was a new student, a newcomer, my classmates treated me as one of them. And so I did.

I faced challenges, but I viewed them only as adventures. My class was to do a first-hand competition. We were to make all over the beach by being out, but we became so only with the help of everyone.

One of the challenges I faced was how to draw our adviser closer to our section. Our adviser, a older man, was also our philosophy teacher. He was a man of few words. Through his quiet, clear teaching, we can get to know him, he started out to be considerably caring. I wrote him a letter suggesting things that would help him understand our class better. He was sometimes misunderstood, I said, but we chose

to work with strength. That also happens to be my principle in life—from weakness could come strength.

One time, two girls had a fight, and I had to step in and talk to them. They did not become friends again, but soon they're on friendly terms.

There are only 20 girls in my class of 36. Every time my teacher was out, I'd stand up by the teacher's table to make sure everything was under control. I don't get me wrong, I'm not dominant at all. I let them talk, and we all laughed about it, but I made sure we weren't making any disturbances.

At graduation, we'd received lots of happiness. We even received the Department Cup, although the fact that we won a trophy then.

During my Junior year, I became an officer, a representative in student council. There was no time to wish for things to happen.

Bigger accomplishments

I had bigger accomplishments during my senior year. I ran for the Student Council and won. I also joined the varsity volleyball team, and became one of the school's five representatives to the national student meeting—CM2 in Baguio, which was attended by schools from Luzon to Mindanao.

I also became a regular contributor to the school paper, and performed in many programs—simple ones such as writing a prayer, reading a guideline, etc. I graduated with a gold medal for the Student Council, and a silver medal for Honors.

I just passed the UPNCE, and I'm all set to study college at the University of the Philippines in Los Baños. In Laguna, I shall be in my own and live in a dormitory. An opportunity in your school. But I will never lose touch or hesitate. Why? Because I'll never want-

Write to us

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How do I get over my boyfriend?

You're free of the jerk. Isn't that exciting?

DEAR ANSEL,

Two, three, four months ago I broke up with my boyfriend of one year. I'm having a hard time getting over him, even if he wasn't an ideal boyfriend in terms of sex.

It was a chronic cheater. In the time we were together I caught him twice, and I don't know if I'll ever move on, but my last birthday he didn't bother to show up, and that was the last straw for me. I finally broke up with him.

After a few days, I changed my mind and told him I wanted him back, but he was adamant that I keep my word. He seemed remorseful on the phone, but after two weeks, I found he had a new girlfriend already.

We're going to the same school, and I really miss him. What can I do to get over him?

Young and Broke and Hearted

DEAR TIM:

Congratulations! You are finally without the things you don't need in your life, which your situation should become reality.

I don't know what you're and about the cheating on you many times, he could be there for you on special occasions, and after his last visit over your birthday, he manages to get a new girl in his world. That's...

But be glad the emotion roller coaster is over. It's more than cheating on someone else, and he's thankful it's not you. Now some girl is crying because her old boyfriend didn't show up on her birthday. You have now passed the tests of suffering in someone else.

You're free! Isn't that exciting? You're now on a clean slate, a fresh canvas, or whatever you might want to call it. It's time to paint a new picture.

You've been together for a year, and you've been on a roller coaster. That's hard for anyone, but after three months, surely you must have done something to help you move on.

If you haven't, it's time you get started. You're saying you should get out and jump on some free horses, appreciate the time you spent with him yourself, without extra baggage, spend time with your friends and family, and most importantly, you studies.

You're 19. Based on statistics, you will probably have another five boyfriends in your lifetime before anything down. Consider this as a form of practice for the real thing. Next semester, you may want to get different classes so you won't see him that much.

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Amina Aranaz-Alunan and Happy David tell you how to profit from your passion for fashion

By Rose Pineda

IF YOU'VE ALWAYS DREAMT OF putting up your own fashion business but don't know how, take the cue from Amina Aranaz-Alunan and Happy David, two women who have realized that fashion isn't just a passion. It can be profitable, too!

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getting enough business, and finally a taste
of the fresh and simple that truly makes me happy.

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I get everything I want out of life.

Paolo Alvarez
Entrepreneur

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Paolo and Suzi's philosophy of balance

Fun and Fulfillment

Sometimes, it seems almost impossible to balance fun between work, friends, and personal time. We often end up compromising the things we enjoy doing so that we have more time to do the things we need to do. This however doesn't make for a happy and fulfilling life.

Balance is Key

What we need is a balanced life, a philosophy carried on by the Coca-Cola Company. It's a lifestyle in which we find time to be physically active, enjoy the food

that we like, get enough rest, and do the things that make us happy.

For Paolo and Suzi Alvarez, everyday is a balancing act of activities. Despite their busy schedules as well-known people in their respective careers, they make sure that they get to spend quality time with their three kids and also do other things that they have always enjoyed.

A Philosophy of Life

A balanced life is a philosophy the Alvarez's would

like to teach their children someday. To be physically active, eat the food they like, get enough rest and finally, have a taste of the things that make them happy - like enjoying downtime with the whole family or a date with their favorite eatery.

The Coca-Cola Company lives by this philosophy as well and shares it through their wide array of sparkling beverages which provide you with an experience of happiness that refreshes your body and soul.

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Girls of summer 2008 (What is a girl?)

Anne

in the sun

Her life as an actress keeps her busy, but even movie stars can't resist the lure of the beach



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Anne Curtis
doesn't leave
beach regimens.

By Pam Pader

TWENTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD ANNE Curtis is busy fulfilling her role as an actress this summer.

This Pinoy actress is promoting "When Love Begins," her movie with Agot Isidro, which is opening in theaters at the end of the month. She is also training for a new adventure.

She even knows what can't resist the lure of the beach. Anne plans to get some sun-kissed skin before the season ends.



What is your fitness regimen?
I don't have one.

What's your personal style, what clothes do you usually wear?
Anything that fits my mood that day.

What do you wear in summer?
Nice dresses—short and long, short and long tops.

What do you like wearing in girls' fashions in the summer?
I like fashions in short skirts and cute little pieces.

What season do you like the most?
Spring.

What's your favorite thing to do during summer?
Go outside and sit at a quiet beach.

What's your favorite summer drink?
Anything that has a hint of mint.

What are your summer must-haves?
Footlock, lip balm, and good company.

Any other fun facts about summer?
Every summer is unforgettable in the end.

Boys of summer 2008 (Who is a boy?)

Dos Guizon
loves two
things:
reggae and
Boracay

**WATCH out
for Dos!**
Boracay



Go solo with Dos

By Pam Pader

TWENTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD DOS Guizon is passionate about many things. He may be busy with his wardrobe store "Bibine Lang" and solo, he hasn't forgotten his roots. But he makes sure his last time for his top-of-the-pop reggae and Boracay.

"I'm working on my second reggae album and I'm putting up a bar in Boracay," he says.

He talks about his time away from Dos to his could tell in his summer season.

What is your fitness regimen?
I don't have one. I go to the gym four times a week. I don't eat much carbs. I eat chicken and fish and I eat food for me.

What's your personal style, what clothes do you usually wear?
Young and urban. Basically anything I know I can carry. A nice and nice always about for me. And I'm into hats too.

What do you wear in summer?
Shorts, but I'm more comfortable for the party scene.

What do you like wearing in girls' fashions?

Summer?

I appreciate girls without make-up—simple, relaxed, effortless beauty is their natural look, not trying too hard. I also like seeing girls while they apply makeup before.

What season do you like the most?
I don't know, it's winter.

What's your favorite thing to do in summer?
Go away from it all. It's time to relax and recharge your batteries inside. Plus, sunbathing. When you go somewhere you are passionate about, it's very relaxing.

What's your summer must-haves?
Electric Guitars, sunglasses, and lots of alcohol, please for summer!

Any unforgettable summer stories?
That summer in Davao. It was very fun and surprisingly, the people were mostly friendly. I think I may have been, someone reggae us. A lot of people came from what we reported.

Cool new phones for 'replacement buyers'

By Rowena C. Burgos

AT THE PROGRESSING TOGETHER, the mobile phone market in Vietnam, India, and other emerging markets is growing rapidly.

The first-time buyers are Nokia 1050, 2050, 3050, 5050 and 6050. Designed to meet every lifestyle and budget, these phones will be available globally by the third quarter of 2008, with pricing ranging from US\$100 to US\$150.

At global mobile phone ownership levels around the 1 billion mark, a significant number of new users will be from the emerging markets of Africa, Bangladesh, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, China and India, according to Gartner, a top provider, sales, Southeast Asia and Pacific.

However, while the number of first-time buyers continues to grow, the number of replacement buyers (consumers looking to replace their current mobile phone with a new one, more advanced model) has also grown substantially in emerging markets.

This year, Nokia anticipates that for the first time, the number of replacement purchases in such markets will exceed first-time buyers.

"People in emerging markets like phones are increasingly demanding more from their mobile phones. Their expectations and demands in terms of functionality and design are similar to people in other parts of the world with different income levels at their disposal," Gartner said.

"Nokia's launch of the first-time phone accessories and first-time accessories in emerging markets and services that serve the needs and tastes of people in emerging markets."

This year, users replacing old phones with newer models will be more than first-time mobile users

Camera phones

For millions of consumers in emerging markets, their first experience of taking photos has been with a camera phone. In India, for example, it is estimated that 50 per cent of people buying a camera phone use it as their primary camera.

In emerging markets, many users people have access to mobile phones that is personal computers. More affordable than PCs, mobile phones are not bulky, operate without permanent electricity supply and are easy to use and available in multiple languages.

They also offer a solution to the challenges posed by the low-penetration rates of fixed telephone lines in emerging markets like Africa.

"Many will have their first experience of Internet communication services such as e-mail on a mobile phone rather than a PC," Gartner said.

Nokia 2050

The new Nokia 2050 is easy to get people talking. Combining a 1.3-megapixel camera, two-inch QVGA display and music player in a



NOKIA 1050

slimming design, it offers a variety of options for anyone looking to stay entertained with friends.

Starting at a mere cost of around US\$100, the Nokia 2050 offers a wide range of features, including MP3 and MP4 as well as Bluetooth and GPS connectivity.

In MP3 and recording features, an ideal for anyone in the home market on the move.

2050 Side

The 2050 Side's design and dual cameras make this phone a perfect choice for anyone looking to stay connected with friends and family.

When it comes to music, the 2050 Side and recording play mp3 ring tones, which can be set to play when you receive a call.

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CHIEF—Carl, vice president, sales, Business Asia and Pacific.

MANAGER—Kaplan, global head for emerging markets services.

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6	The Godfather Part III	₱700,000
7	The Godfather Part I	₱600,000
8	The Godfather Part II	₱500,000
9	The Godfather Part III	₱400,000
10	The Godfather Part I	₱300,000



Filipina wows audience and judges of 'Britain's Got Talent'—including pencil-chewing Simon Cowell

Madonna touches a lot of hearts

By Rapunzel San Diego Jr.

NOT THAT MADONNA, Filipina Madonna Deocara, who made it to the semi-final round in the second episode of the UK reality competition, "Britain's Got Talent," is now an Internet sensation.

"The video of her performance of 'I'm Back' has reached over 70,000 hits as of Monday, and



a five-star rating, according to the two-star system from YouTube viewers.

In the video, Deocara's soft singing and singing—like the iconic Madonna theme—was, including judge Amanda Holden and two stagehands who led the 30-year-old Filipina to the stage.

Holden, an Australian, then had a moment, explained on the program's website that she was "moved" by Deocara's touching and soft voice. "She had to have her two daughters in the Philippines to work for her

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There's plenty that can be done,

...I completely lost my singing for her bubble," if Manchester said the week ending sometime after the week from the initially timey George Costello, why was throughout the Macy's per-

interview that Obama is "a liar." On the show, the wife says: "We'll go along with all the money to the needy and children in a plane, and you, lady, have got values." He started to throw a sugar and TV host Oprah Winfrey. Clearly, this situation has a bad end.

FEEDBACK
'Pinoy Idol'
a letdown

NAME: ID:

I just read your article in CMAA, "Piney Island" was to show I think of the one, judging from his two episodes.

I noticed that last Raymond Gormley is the same disappointment in the show. He is so uptight and reads his lines so mechanically, making it obvious he is merely reading a script, like he's not able to deliver his own mind.

He should get rid of that boring name, "General" when addressing all the Germans in the field and should keep his distance from interviewing the peasants. He doesn't seem close to his Symphonies and the job on NBC's "Philippine Mail."

to super-superior, like Akmal is a very little judge. Justice is not a business to help discover your life. Wenging has the evidence, but she has to be honest to everyone all the time? He was to be (after "American Idol") Simon Cowell. I like the way Ryan Reynolds did it on the NC 3.0. He is a really, really, really

I think the reason that *Mountain Dew* discontinued 4C's franchise was lack of technical expertise. The *Mountain Dew* franchise could bring something new in 4C's. Unfortunately, I don't see any. It is a marketing "Pony Pop promotion" or "Blast rock."

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3 POOL'S GOLD		3 MAMMY PD 2
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